in the zone of consideration for promotion so as to be within the number of vacancies for which the select list has to be drawn up would be included in that list provided they are not considered unfit for promotion". Accordingly, public sector banks do not provide reservations in favour of SCs and STs in promotions from JMGS-I to MMGS-II and MMGS-II to MMGS-III. Two of the public sector banks viz, Bank of India and Bank of Maharashtra, however, have been following a policy of effecting a certain percentage of promotions from JMGS-I to MMGS-II and MMGS-II to MMGS-III on the basis of seniority subject to fitness. Since in terms of the instructions issued by Department of Personnel & Training in 1989 the benefits already enjoyed by the SC and ST are not to be withdrawn, these banks have been permitted to continue their policy of effecting promotions upto Scale-III in their officers cadre on the basis of seniority subject to fitness and provide reservations in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the rate of 15% and 7½%, respectively.

Residential Staff Colony of IDBI in Bombay

*419. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has a residential staff colony at Ghatkopar, Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that essential services and the maintenance of this colony is not properly done by the IDBI management;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to and over the flats on ownership basis to the employees/occupants for formation of cooperative housing society; and

(d) what permanent solution the IDBI management proposes to that all the essential services and maintenance are carried out properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that the residential staff quarters at Ghatkopar, Bombay are properly maintained and essential services are provided in the quarters.

(c) IDBI has reported that there is no proposal to hand over the flats to the employees/ occupants on ownership basis.

(d) IDBI has taken steps to provide essential services and maintaining the quarters properly which include regular cleaning, replacing the old wiring, repairs of the underground water tanks to prevent any water loss through leakage and pest control measures.

Telephones to Freedom Fighters

*420. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freedom fighters are entitled to get telephone connections on out-of-turn priority basis and at the concessional rates as for as installation and calls are concerned;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines in this regard;

(c) whether there is provision to convert the existing telephones in the names of freedom fighters to a connection under this category; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to make such a provision for the freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Freedom fighters are provided telephone connections under SWS category which enjoys priority in installation just below the TATKAL category and just above the out of turn sanctions. No installation fee is charged. 50% of the normal rental is charged as rental.

(c) There is a provision to convert the existing telephone in the name of freedom fighter to SWS category if the freedom fighter is earning pension under the Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme. Freedom fighters who have not opted for pension are also eligible for the benefit under the scheme provided they produce documentary proof from the Jail Authorities or